

he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after.

SEC. 4. Any Judge shall be removed from office by the Governor on conviction in a court of law, of incompetency, of willful neglect of duty, misbehavior in office, or any other crime; or on impeachment according to this Constitution, or the laws of the State; or on the address of the General Assembly, two-thirds of each House concurring in such address, and the accused having been notified of the charges against him, and had opportunity of making his defence.

Removal of Judges. 14 Md. 215.

SEC. 5. In case of the death, resignation, removal, or other disqualification of a Judge of any Court of this State, except of the Orphans' Courts, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall thereupon appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office until the next general election thereafter, whether for Members of the General Assembly or County officers, whichever shall first occur, at which time an election shall be held as herein prescribed for a Judge, who shall hold said office for the term of fifteen years, and until the election and qualification of his successor.

Provisions in case of death, &c.

SEC. 6. All Judges shall, by virtue of their offices, be conservators of the peace throughout the State, and no fees or perquisites, commission or reward of any kind, shall be allowed to any Judge in this State, besides his annual salary or fixed per diem for the discharge of any Judicial duty.

Judges to be Conservators of the Peace.

No fees to Judges. 8 Md. 227. 1 Md. 368.

SEC. 7. No Judge shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or where either of the parties may be connected with him by affinity or consanguinity within such degrees as now are or may hereafter be prescribed by law, or where he shall have been of counsel in the case.

Judges disqualified, &c. 1852, ch. 263.

SEC. 8. The General Assembly shall provide for the trial of causes in case of the disqualification of the Judge of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, the Court of Common Pleas, the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, and the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and also in case of the

Trial of causes on disqualification. 1852, ch. 63. 1853, ch. 299 & 425. 9 Md. 324. 1853, ch. 316 & 426.